

# Spotlight on Jasper County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the Southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Beaufort and Hampton Counties and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 65.3 degrees and experiences 50.76 inches of precipitation

## Population

- Equaled approximately 20,818 in 2001
- Comprised of 42.4% white and 57.6% nonwhite
- Median age was 33.8 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 17,500 by 2005

## Labor Force

- Increased from 8,480 in 2001 to 9,560 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 3.9% in 2001 to 4.5% in 2002

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 9,130 in 2002

## Per Capita Income

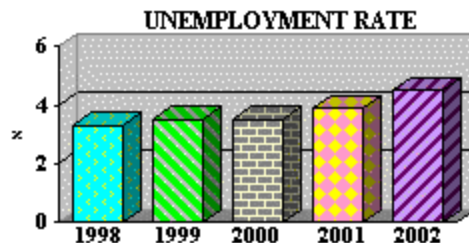
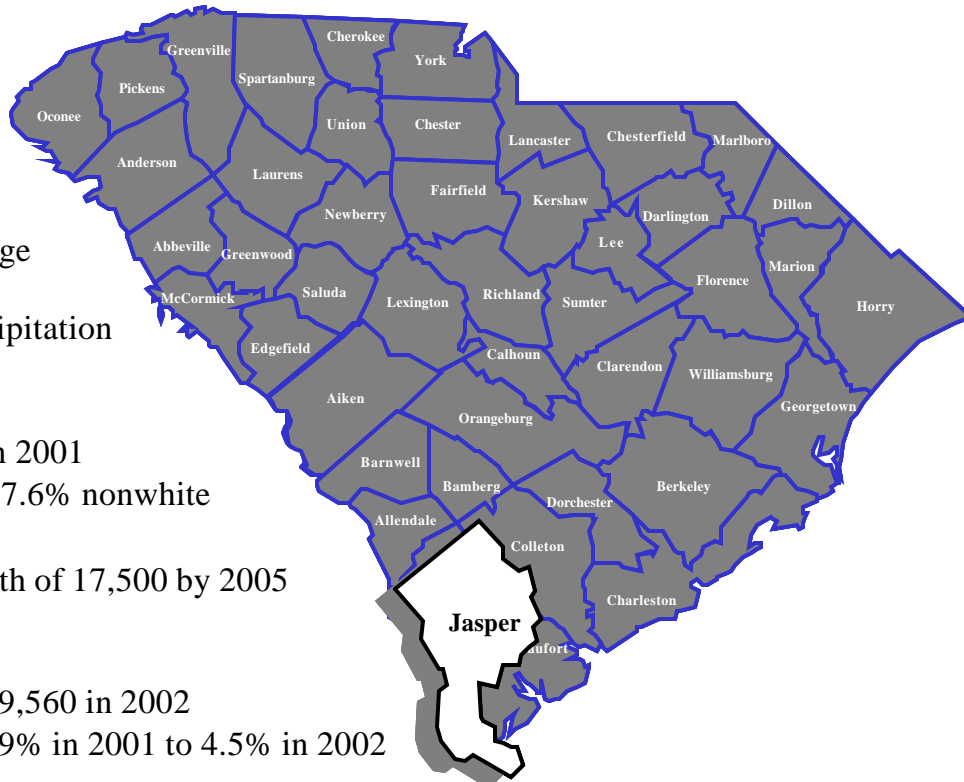
- Per capita income for the County was \$17,356 in 2001
- It was 70% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Beaufort Workforce Center, which serves Jasper and Beaufort Counties, paid \$5,977,878 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

## Beaufort Workforce Center

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